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TO: Certifying Officer – Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund,
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FROM: John D. Megariotis
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SUBJECT: Report of Contributions, 4th Quarter 2006 (October 1st to December 31st)

This memorandum has pertinent information concerning the completion of your Report of Contributions (ROC). Please read this memorandum before you make any changes to the ROC.

Should you have any questions or need assistance in completing the Report, please refer to <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/epbam/finance/roc.htm>

DEADLINE FOR FILING UPDATE

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the I-ROC program and the time saved in preparing the report of contributions, the Division can now move forward with an attempt to reach its goal of updating member accounts in a timely manner. To accomplish this goal, effective immediately, all reports must be received no later than the close of business on January 25, 2007. Reports received after this date may not be used to update member accounts.

Delays in receiving reports affect the timeliness of the Division providing services to ALL pension plan members, not just your employees and retirees. Unfortunately, we continue to experience delays associated with employer late reporting. This new policy of strict adherence to established reporting deadline will alleviate that problem.

When you receive your quarterly ROC, you should review it immediately. If you think you will have a problem in meeting the filing deadline, or if there is anything you do not understand, contact the Audit/Billing Section at (609) 292-3630. Normally, reporting inquiries can be resolved with a telephone call. If other arrangements need to be made to assist you in the completion of your ROC, the sooner you communicate that fact to the Division the better for everyone involved.

Reports of Salary Change (NEW**)**

The Division of Pension and Benefits is no longer providing to you reports of salary change as has been our past practice. Now that the majority of employers are reporting through the web, (I ROC), we are hoping that you would use the report of contributions to submit these salary changes for the next quarter. Should you need a paper report of salary change please call (609) 292-3630. **This request should be made no later than February 1st, 2007, to allow for processing time.**

TEPS

Please note that the only payments that should be submitted through TEPS are for monthly transmittal and appropriation payments. **Employee shortages are not to be submitted through TEPS.**

The fax number and address that you use to submit the Employer Authorization Forms to the Division of Pensions and Benefits is (866) 568-2495 or it may be mailed to State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 9581, Trenton, NJ 08650-9581.

Most Retirement Plan Limits Increase for 2007

IRS has announced the 2007 cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for retirement plans. Many of the limits applicable to pension, and other retirement plans, increase for 2007.

The following plan limits are increased for inflation effective January 1, 2007:

- *Annual compensation limit.* The maximum amount of annual compensation that can be taken into account for various qualified plan purposes, under Code Sec. 401(a)(17), is increased from \$220,000 to \$225,000. Retirement plans administered by the Division of Pensions and Benefits affected by this change include the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS), the Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust (SACT), the Alternate Benefit Program (ABP), the Additional Contributions Tax-Sheltered (ACTS) program and the New Jersey State Employees Deferred Compensation Plan.
- *Chapter 113, P.L. 1997.* N.J.S.A. 43:3C-9.3 & 43:3C-9.4 permits higher annual compensation limits for members of TPAF, PERS, PFRS and ABP enrolled prior to July 1, 1996, if, prior to July 1, 1997, the employer certified to the Division Director that the employer will pay the additional cost for not applying the lower Code Sec. 401(a)(17) *Annual Compensation Limit* to these members. If you are such an employer, you may report pensionable salary in excess of the Code Sec. 401(a)(17) limits mentioned earlier for those employees in the affected class.
- *Defined contribution plans.* The limitation on the annual additions to a participant's defined contribution account under Code Sec. 415(c)(1)(A) is increased from the lesser of \$44,000 or 100% of the participant's compensation to the lesser of \$45,000 or 100% of the participant's compensation. Annual additions are the sum for any year of all employer and employee contributions to the defined contribution plan. For purposes of applying the limitations all defined contribution plans of an employer are to be treated as one defined contribution plan. Defined contribution plans include an employee annuity plan described in section 403(a) and an annuity contract described

in section 403(b). Defined contribution plans administered by the Division of Pensions and Benefits affected by this change include the SACT, ABP and ACTS programs and the New Jersey State Employees Deferred Compensation Plan.

- *Elective deferrals.* The limitation under Code Sec. 402(g)(1) on the exclusion for elective deferrals described in Code Sec. 402(g)(3) increases from the lesser of \$15,000 or 100% of the participant's compensation to the lesser of \$15,500 or 100% of the participant's compensation. Defined contribution plans administered by the Division of Pensions and Benefits affected by this change include the SACT, ABP and ACTS programs.
- *Deferred compensation plans.* The limit on deferrals under Code Sec. 457(e)(15) concerning deferred compensation plans of state and local governments and tax-exempt organizations is increased from the lesser of \$15,000 or 100% of the participant's compensation to the lesser of \$15,500 or 100% of the participant's compensation. The deferred compensation plan administered by the Division of Pensions and Benefits affected by this change is the New Jersey State Employees Deferred Compensation Plan and is available to Employees of the State and other State chartered commissions, authorities and boards. Other governmental employers in the State may offer similar, self-administered programs.

The following limit is unchanged:

- *Catch-up contributions.* The dollar limit under Code Sec. 414(v)(2)(B)(i) for catch-up contributions to an applicable employer plan other than a plan described in Code Sec. 401(k)(11) or Code Sec. 408(p) for individuals aged 50 or over remains at \$5,000. Defined contribution plans administered by the Division of Pensions and Benefits affected by this change include the SACT, ABP and ACTS programs.